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Mme. Chiang Says

Mainland Return 'In My Lifetime'

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CHICAGO, Sept. 3 (AP Wire Dispatches)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek declared today that Nationalist China intends to recover the Chinese mainland "in my lifetime."

The 62-year-old wife of the president of Nationalist China also argued that "the only way to avoid a third world war is for us to get back to the mainland."

Madame Chiang, at a press conference after a speech to the American Legion Auxiliary, said the Communist world was "bluffing" in its renewed threat to Quemoy and other Nationalist islands in the Formosa Straits just off the mainland.

"A clear cut, strong stand by the United States as leader of the free world," she said, "will stop the Communists short in their tracks."

But she warned that Red Chinese, backed by Soviet Russia, "will carry on their bluff as long as they think they can get away with it."

If Quemoy is lost, she said, it would mean "the beginning of the loss of a whole chain of lands—Taiwan (Formosa), the Philippines, Japan, Hawaii and the North American continent."

Madame Chiang said the Communist world is not yet ready to fight, but she added: "When they are ready for war, no amount of appeasement will do any good."

In turn, she said the timing of Nationalist China's move to the mainland, to "get back what rightfully belongs to China," depends on the organization of anti-Communist forces there.

COMMUNIST tyranny will become assured of world-wide conquest if it succeeds in belittling United States foreign policy pronouncements, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek said in her speech.

Mme. Chiang who has been absent from her Formosa home since May, said:

"Through incessant artillery fire and bombardment, the Chinese Reds are trying to cow our spirit and ride rough-shod over the ramparts of the free world."

HARRY S. Truman and AFL-CIO head George Meany told the Legion's 40th national convention that the United States must be prepared to meet armed aggression by the communist powers.

The former President said the Soviet Union has been preparing for war since the Allies whipped the Axis in 1945.

He said the Soviet Union has attained superiority in long and shorter range missiles and has made great strides in developing defensive missiles.

"The danger we face today is a very real one," he said.

Meany said the western powers have continuously underestimated the determination and readiness of the communist powers to resist to armed aggression.

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